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September 22, 2000

The Alpine Cemetery c/o Louis J. Shook, Vice-President, Sales & Marketing 703 Amboy Avenue Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08861

Re: Maintenance & Preservation Trust Fund

Dear Mr. Shook:

This is to advise you that the New Jersey Cemetery Board has reviewed certain information regarding the fact that Alpine Cemetery failed to make timely monthly deposits in the cemetery's Maintenance and Preservation Trust Fund. The Board's initial review disclosed what appears to be a violation of the following:

N.J.A.C.1344J-5.2(c) Monies required to be deposited into the Maintenance and Preservation Trust Fund are payable to said fund on a monthly basis. Such deposits must be made no later than the last day of the month following the month in which the monies were received.

You are hereby offered the opportunity to settle this matter and avoid the initiation of formal disciplinary proceedings by signing and returning the enclosed certification and paying the following:

#### \$1000.00 civil penalty imposed by the Board.

Alternatively, you may waive your right to a hearing and submit a written statement or explanation to the Board. The Board will consider this statement and render a final decision.

You may also request a hearing in which case the matter will be scheduled and this notice will serve as a complaint. At the hearing, you may, either personally or with the assistance of an attorney, submit such testimony or other evidence as you may deem necessary in order for the

Board to finally determine whether the unlawful acts alleged herein have been proven. Please be advised that if you request a hearing, the Board will not be bound to the terms stated in this letter, and may, after presentation and evaluation of all the evidence presented, impose any of the sanctions contained in N.J.S.A.8A:10-1. You should also be aware that the Board may assess civil penalties in the amount greater than herein offered in settlement.

Additionally, the Board may, if the facts are found to so warrant, enter an order requiring restoration of any monies acquired by lawful acts, requiring payment of all costs involved in this matter, and directing you to cease and desist from the continued practice of acts found to be lawful by the Board.

The enclosed certification should be returned to the Board with your indicated course(s) of action within ten (10) days following receipt hereof. In the event that the Board receives no response within ten (10) days, the allegations contained herein shall be deemed admitted and the Board will proceed to finally review the matter and enter an appropriate final order in relation thereto.

Susan Ar Gattland

Executive Director

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CC:

DAG Nancy Costello Miller Bernard E. Stoecklin, Jr. Chairman & CEO, CMS certified mail & regular mail

#### **CERTIFICATION**

# Louis J. Shook The Alpine Cemetery

I have received the Board's letter dated September 22, 2000 regarding alleged violations:

## PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE SECTIONS:

	The allegations set forth herein are acknowledged and I enclose herewith a CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER in the amount of \$1000.00 payable to the New Jersey Cemetery Board.
	I hereby waive any right which I may have to a hearing in this matter and submit a written statement for the Board's final consideration in this matter.
	A hearing in this matter before the Board is hereby requested.  (SIGNATURE)
	William C. PASSODELIS
DATE:	(PRINT NAME)

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